



Title | Slaves and Sons
Series | Witness For the Defense
Text | Galatians 3:27-4:7
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Sermon Notes

Galatians 3:27-4:7. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. **4:1** I mean that he heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, **2** but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. **3** In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. **4** But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons. **6** And because you are His sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" **7** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Big Idea:

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Galatians 4:4-5 – But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons.

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Galatians 3:27. Paul speaks of baptism in this verse. What is the significance of baptism for the believer? Does baptism play a role in salvation or is it merely symbolic? What symbolism is typically attached to baptism?

Tuesday:

Read Galatians 3:27. Paul said that when we first believed in Jesus for eternal life, we, “put on Christ,” which is a metaphor for changing clothes. How can understanding this metaphor deepen our faith and understanding of our Christian life?

Wednesday:

Read Galatians 3:28. Paul boldly claims that we are equal in Christ, that the distinctions that serve to separate us in this world have no place in the body of Christ. Now read Galatians 4:5. What are the implications of this equality in light of this verse in chapter 4?

Thursday:

Read Galatians 4:3. Prior to our belief in Christ, we were slaves to works, believing that God is pleased with and loves us because of our works. One might call this the Performance Principle. Is the Performance Principle a biblical truth? Why or why not?

Friday:

Read Galatians 4:6-7. Because of our faith in Christ, we have been adopted by God as His son; because of our adoption, we can now call Him Abba or Father. What is the significance of viewing God as our Father? How might this affect our understanding of our relationship with God?

Daily Prayer:

Father, thank you for adopting me as Your son. I am grateful for my status as an equal of Your Son, Jesus. I pray that my life will reflect my relationship with you. Amen

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